

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

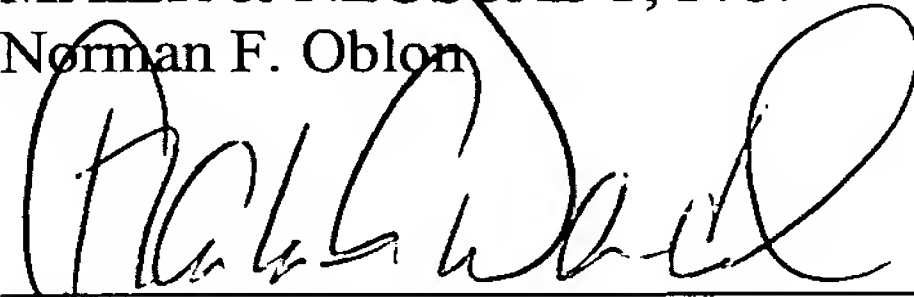
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to present the claims in better format for examination.

An early examination of Claims 1-17 is earnestly solicited.

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